

Sunday Worship Westminster United Church

The United Church of Canada Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community Sunday, January 27, 2019 Third Sunday after Epiphany

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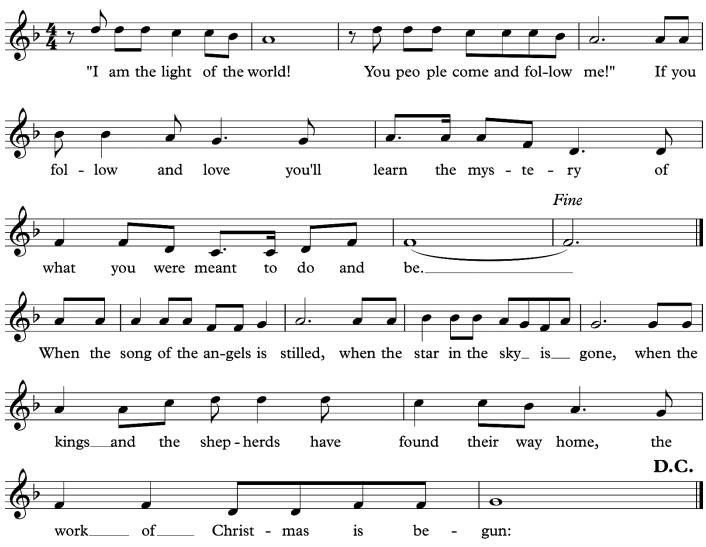
Organ prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Introit

I am the Light of the World

Refrain



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Call to Worship*

Friends, we gather here for worship,

And God is with us

We are strangers and friends, newcomers, old timers and everything in between,

Yet we are one in God's love,

And God is with us.

Many of us may feel lost and hopeless, Many of us may feel so thankful, our hearts may burst. Many of us may come seeking insight, inspiration, courage or wisdom.

And God is with us.

No matter where we've come from,

No matter why we are here,

No matter where we're going -

God is with us. Let us worship God in gratitude and hope.

Hymn VU 312 Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Holy One,

We sing that we are one in your Spirit, but often we cannot tolerate those who disagree with us. We talk of being one Body, but often fight over insignificant issues. We say we lift up the gift and blessing of each person, but often we heap honour on just a special few.

Forgive us, Creative God, when we disrespect your Body so easily. Instead, may the words of our mouths speak peace to the brokenness in our world; may the hopes of our hearts bring wonder to those in despair; and may our love and compassion embrace all we meet. Help us live out your grace as shown to us in Jesus the Christ – the one whose path we seek to follow......

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Children's Time – Katelyn McIntyre, Children's Table Coordinator

The Passing of the Peace May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Following the passing of the peace, the younger crowd is welcome to join Katelyn at the **Children's Table** in the Narthex for a time of activity, story, conversation and sometimes even music.

Anthem	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	by Harry Shelley
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Scripture Reading: Susan Hachey

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

Collection of Offerings and Offertory

After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played by the organist and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.

Offering Doxology



Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People One: Lord in your mercy All: Hear our prayers

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Our Father/Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Close (please remain standing for the choral close, as you are able) See next page

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek Refrain Go make а dif f'rence. We can make dif -а dif Go make a f'rence f'rence. _ in the world. Go make а dif f'rence. We can make a dif-_ the world. - f'rence. dif frence Go make а in

Organ Postlude

If departing before the end of the postlude, please do so quietly for the benefit of those remaining to enjoy the music.

* Bob Root, Gathering Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2018-19, pg.46. Used with permission. (adapted) ** Rex Hunt Liturgies 2010 (adapted).

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February 3 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10 - Before you were formed in the womb, I set you apart.

Psalm 71:1–6 (VU p. 789 Part One) - God is our fortress and sheltering rock.

1 Corinthians 13:1–13 - Love is patient and kind.

Luke 4:21-30 - Jesus is driven out of Nazareth.

To Ponder

Jesus invites us to see things differently. How might you practice that today?